

Scituate Community Preservation Committee Funding Request Form

DATE and YEAR of Application: October 1, 2021

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Project Sponsor or Organization: Scituate Little League

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PROJECT INFORMATION

CPA CATEGORY (check all that apply):

OPEN SPACE

RECREATION

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

COMMUNITY HOUSING

NAME OF PROJECT: 60/90 Baseball Field DESIGN

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: _____

SLL is requesting funds to help re-establish a second "60/90" (60' pitchers' plate distance, 90' basepaths) baseball field in Scituate. This effort should be accomplished in two phases, beginning with a full design study including community engagement to determine the appropriate field location, impacts to other sports, residents, and abutters, and to produce the final field design and estimated construction cost. The second phase will involve a future application seeking funds for the actual field construction. The goal is for this project to be complete and the field ready for play by Spring 2023.

Attach additional pages including summary, budget, estimated timeline and justification of need.

Project Location or Address: TBD

Include map, photo and other imagery for ALL category projects.

If Open Space or Community Housing:

Assessor's Map Page, Block & Lot Number: _____

Number of acres in parcel: _____

Current Zoning Classification: _____

Assessed Value: _____

Title in name of: _____ Title Abstract Date: _____

Number of housing units proposed: _____

Summarize how this request benefits the Town of Scituate and meets the goals of the Community Preservation Act.

The first and most obvious benefit is that it addresses an equity issue whereby Girls High School Softball has both a Varsity and a separate Junior Varsity field, whereas SHS Boys Baseball despite more players currently has only a single 90' field shared by all high school teams, and more than 150 total players including Little League, Legions, and several mens teams. Furthermore, the construction of an athletic field is directly aligned with the stated intention of the Community Preservation Act which provides for the "acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use."

PERMITS AND APPROVALS

What permits and approvals are required? Have they been obtained or have you filed for them?

Name of Permit	Filed? (Y/N)	Filed (Date)	Obtained (Date)
TBD			

Have you met with any other Town Boards or committees? If so, what were the outcomes of those meetings? *(Letters of support from other Boards and committees should be included in the application or supplied at a later date.)*

We have met with the Recreation Department, who is happy to assist us with the execution of this project. The Select Board has expressed support for the proposal at their 9/21/2021 meeting, and indicated they may allocate at least a portion of the Toll Brothers athletic field money for construction. The Advisory Committee has already voted in favor of recommending the project. In addition, the Recreation Commission has delivered a letter of support.

Notes: _____

What non-financial support and services are necessary, and how will these be provided?

It is our opinion, shared by many, that Scituate Little League should not be in charge of project-managing the design and construction of this field. It really should be the purview of the town and/or Scituate High School. We have spoken with both parties. The Recreation Department has indicated their willingness to work with SLL and provide any and all support necessary. The high school wishes to be good partners and support the Recreation Department in any way they can.

FUNDING

Describe the proposed funding for this project. Identify other sources you are seeking funds from, and whether those funds are secured. Identify any funds you or your organizations are willing to provide.

As you may be aware, the town was given \$400k from the Toll Brothers as part of an agreement reached during the negotiation of the Seaside at Scituate development. These funds are earmarked for athletic field development, and on November 19, 2019, the Select Board and Town Administrator agreed to use a portion for the development of a JV Field behind the former Gates Middle School. Our funding request from CPC for the eventual construction of the field will be reduced by the amount the Select Board ultimately chooses to allocate (or excess funds returned to CPC at the project's conclusion). The funds for this phase, the design portion, will be entirely paid out of CPC funds awarded for this application.

For its part, Scituate Little League currently spends \$30k-40k or more annually to maintain and enhance other athletic fields in town, so we do not expect to contribute directly to the field construction, but we do expect to spend much of our field improvement budget going forward to subsidize future equipment purchases that will benefit all field users.

Proposed Funding

Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Sources of Funds other than CPA	Amount	Funding Secured? (Y/N)*
\$ 75,000	\$75,000		\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	

** If the request is still outstanding, when do you expect to hear a decision?*

OTHER COMMENTS

Provide any other information you think the CPC should be aware of in evaluating your request for funding.

Development of this field on any existing town property is going to result in some scheduling challenges for not just baseball but other sports as well that share the field(s) at the eventual site. The intention is for this new 90' field to be multi-purpose in order to minimize those challenges, and we intend to engage with the other youth sports groups in town to determine how we can best meet the needs of all impacted athletic programs. While no plan is perfect, the most important thing at this time in our opinion is restoring a second 60/90 field for baseball because they are currently the most severely impacted.

By signing below, the Applicant represents he/she is duly authorized, agrees to the terms and conditions and all other requirements of this Application and agrees to be bound thereby if funding is granted for the Project.

Date: October 1, 2021 Signature: 

FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE USE

This request received by Scituate CPC on _____

Copies provided to CPC Members on _____

Additional information required: _____

Committee Vote

Votes:	Yes / No	Votes: Y/N/Abstain	Date
Recommend to Town Meeting			

Other: _____

Scituate Little League

60-90 Baseball Field Design

CPC Application Budgetary Information

(Estimates courtesy of Mark Novak, Design Principal, Activitas)

Rough estimate: The design phase is expected to cost no more than \$75,000 and will address the following aspects of the project:

- Design Study (two sites - currently assume Central Field and Old Gates Field)
 - Review potential field layouts and associated impacts
 - Review other potential site enhancements (ie. parking improvements and walking trail at Old Gates)
 - Provide rendered site plans and other supporting imagery for community input
 - Provide conceptual opinions of probable costs based on site plans
 - Assumes 3 meetings with a Project Working Group (recommend a combination of baseball, school, recreation and maybe a non-affiliated but interested resident)
- Community Engagement (5 meetings - two community meetings, one BOS, one CPC and one Advisory Committee Meeting)
 - Organize two community meetings to discuss the development of a new 90' baseball field
 - First meeting would be a workshop to present initial design concepts and solicit input from the community, abutters and field user groups
 - Second meeting would be a presentation of the preferred design that will be presented to CPC and the BOS
 - After the second community meeting the following presentations would be scheduled:
 - Board of Selectmen
 - CPC
 - Advisory Committee
- Design Development and Construction Documents
 - Survey of the parcel
 - Geotechnical explorations (for the tension netting system foundations)
 - Design plans are anticipated to include the following:
 - Site preparation and erosion control plan
 - Site preparation and erosion control details
 - Layout and materials plan
 - Grading, drainage and utilities plan
 - Drainage and utility details
 - Site and athletic details

- Irrigation plan and details
 - Electrical plan and details
 - Front end and technical specifications
 - Final opinion of cost
- Bidding
 - Assistance to the client with public bidding of the project under MGL 30-39M
 - Organize, attend and chair a pre-bid site conference
 - Address all prospective bidder questions via addendum
 - Review of bids and recommendation of the lowest, qualified bidder